



# ***U.S. Marine Corps Advanced Combat Vehicle Crewman's Helmet (USMC-ACVCH)***

## ***Overview:***

The **Advanced Combat Vehicle Crewman's Helmet (ACVCH)** Program is a USMC development effort. The USMC initiated the program in January 1992. Extensive concept evaluations were conducted on early prototypes developed and built by the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center-Natick. The evaluations took place at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Ft. Rucker, the National Training Center, and Ft. Knox. The evaluation results were highly favorable.

## ***Description:***

The ACVCH features ballistic protection equivalent to that of the PASGT Helmet, a removable faceguard, "talk thru" communications capability, and an improved suspension system which enhances overall system comfort.

## ***Status:***

The USMC-ACVCH Program is a modified NDI program. A Market Survey (July 1995) identified several commercially available helmet systems which meet the users' requirements. USMC conducted a very successful Operational Test during 2 & 3Q96.

The Acquisition Directorate of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command has been awarded a USMC-ACVCH production contract for just over 11,000 helmet systems. Fielding began 1QFY99, with completion expected March 1999.

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